

Message Text

CONFIDENTIAL

PAGE 01 BAGHDA 00554 150848Z

11

ACTION NEA-12

INFO OCT-01 AF-10 ISO-00 CIAE-00 DODE-00 PM-07 H-03 INR-10

L-03 NSAE-00 NSC-10 PA-04 RSC-01 PRS-01 SPC-03 SS-20

USIA-15 ACDA-19 IO-14 SCEM-02 EB-11 COME-00 INT-08

TRSE-00 DRC-01 ARA-16 /171 W
----- 103539

R 150713Z OCT 73

FM USINT BAGHDAD

TO SECSTATE WASHDC 0585

INFO AMEMBASSY BEIRUT

AMEMBASSY BRAZILIA

PGUESRA/AMEMBASSY JIDDA 113

AMEMBASSY TRIPOLI

AMEMBASSY TEHRAN

AMEMBASSY KUWAIT BY POUCH

C O N F I D E N T I A L BAGHDAD 0554

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: ENRG, IZ, BR

SUBJECT: PETROBRAS CONTRACT

1. BRAZILIAN AMBASSADOR DIAS COSTA TOLD ME OCT 5 THAT PETROBRAS CONTRACT OF AUGUST 6, 1972 FOR OIL EXPLORATION PROCEEDING SMOOTHLY EXCEPT FOR EXPLORATORY DRILLING. SEISMIC WORK IS COMPLETED AND PETROBRAS HAD HOPED TO DRILL ITS FIRFT EXPLORATORY WELL IN MAY, 1974, BUT IT IS NOW DOUBTFUL THAT IT WILL MAKE THIS SCHEDULE BECAUSE FO INABILITY TO OBTAIN DRILLING RIG. HE SAID IT HAD TRIED U.S. AND OTHERS, BUT EVERYONE TIED UP. PETROBRAS CONSIDERING BRINGING RIG FROM BRAZIL, BUT IT WOULD BE EXPENSIVE AND TIME CONSUMING. PETROBRAS CONSIDERS AREA ON IRANIAN BORDER NEAR BASRA VERY PROMISING.

2. AMBASSADOR SAID SIX MONTHS AGO PETROBRAS VICE ICESIDENT, WHOM HE EXPECTS TO BE BRAZIL'S NEXT MINISTER OF FINANCE, HAD TOLD IRAQIS HE HAD MONEY IN HIS POCKET TO MAKE DOWN PAYMENT
CONFIDENTIAL

CONFIDENTIAL

PAGE 02 BAGHDA 00554 150848Z

ON LONG TERM PURCHASE CONTRACT VALUED AT 1.3 BILLION DOLLARS.

IRAQIS HAD TURNED DOWN OFFER SAYING IT WAS AGAINST THEIR POLICY

TO MAKE LONG TERM CONTRACTS, BUT THAT PETROBRAS HAD NO WORRY
BECAUSE IT WAS SPECIAL YRIEHI OF IRAQ'S FOR HAVING PURCHASED
"HOT OIL" SOME THREE YEARS AGO AND SIGNED EXPLORATION CONTRACT
DURING DISPUTE WITH IPC. IRAQ WOULD THEREFORE PROVIDE IT WITH
OIL IN FUTURE. PETROBRAS VP HAD ALSO TRIED ALGERIA WITHOUT
SUCCESS, BUT HAD SUCCEEDED IN MAKING 10 YEAR PURCHASE CONTRACT
WITH LIBYA.

LOWRIE

CONFIDENTIAL

NNN

Message Attributes

Automatic Decaptioning: X
Capture Date: 01 JAN 1994
Channel Indicators: n/a
Current Classification: UNCLASSIFIED
Concepts: PETROLEUM, EXPLORATORY DRILLING
Control Number: n/a
Copy: SINGLE
Draft Date: 15 OCT 1973
Decaption Date: 01 JAN 1960
Decaption Note:
Disposition Action: RELEASED
Disposition Approved on Date:
Disposition Authority: golinofr
Disposition Case Number: n/a
Disposition Comment: 25 YEAR REVIEW
Disposition Date: 28 MAY 2004
Disposition Event:
Disposition History: n/a
Disposition Reason:
Disposition Remarks:
Document Number: 1973BAGHDA00554
Document Source: CORE
Document Unique ID: 00
Drafter: n/a
Enclosure: n/a
Executive Order: GS LOWRIE
Errors: N/A
Film Number: n/a
From: BAGHDAD
Handling Restrictions: n/a
Image Path:
ISecure: 1
Legacy Key: link1973/newtext/t19731033/aaaaayet.tel
Line Count: 71
Locator: TEXT ON-LINE
Office: ACTION NEA
Original Classification: CONFIDENTIAL
Original Handling Restrictions: n/a
Original Previous Classification: n/a
Original Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Page Count: 2
Previous Channel Indicators:
Previous Classification: CONFIDENTIAL
Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Reference: n/a
Review Action: RELEASED, APPROVED
Review Authority: golinofr
Review Comment: n/a
Review Content Flags:
Review Date: 26 DEC 2001
Review Event:
Review Exemptions: n/a
Review History: RELEASED <26-Dec-2001 by martinml>; APPROVED <10-Jan-2002 by golinofr>
Review Markings:

Declassified/Released
US Department of State
EO Systematic Review
30 JUN 2005

Review Media Identifier:
Review Referrals: n/a
Review Release Date: n/a
Review Release Event: n/a
Review Transfer Date:
Review Withdrawn Fields: n/a
Secure: OPEN
Status: NATIVE
Subject: PETROBRAS CONTRACT
TAGS: ENRG, IZ, BR
To: STATE
Type: TE
Markings: Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 30 JUN 2005